

Patent No. 6,085,178); U.S. Serial No. 08/826,107 filed on March 21, 1997 and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING MULTIPLE INTELLIGENT AGENTS HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE," (issued as U.S. Patent No. 6192,354); and U.S. Serial No. 09/100,595, filed on June 19, 1998 and entitled "OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE" (which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/822,993 filed on March 21, 1997 and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE" (now abandoned)). The disclosures of all of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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In the Claims

Please amend claims 104, 106 and 107 to read as follows:

104. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein each of the plurality of attributes has a weighting factor associated therewith.

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106. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein the unknown party is an intelligent agent configured to conduct electronic transactions, and wherein the plurality of attributes are selected from the group consisting of an agent name, a client name, a bank name, a bank account number, a credit card number, a homebase location, an agent program name, a location or name of a source with which the unknown party communicates, and combinations thereof.

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